



*The One Who Guides Us
from Frustration to Fruitfulness / John 21:1-14*

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Today's Message (30 June/1 July 2018) /
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How do you find
success in serving
God? In living
a believer's life?
You *do* what
Jesus says.

This story was a revelation of the risen Christ with a purpose: to call His disciples back to the purpose for which He saved us. He wants us to be fishers of men. In other words, He wants us serving Him by making disciples. In the work of evangelizing, God himself is working with us and will supply far more than we ever dreamed.

All of this is recounted by John so that we might see what the Lord wants us to learn about the work of fishing for men:

1. AN N_____ OF F_____ FOR SEVEN F_____ (vv. 1-5)

a. A meeting with the Master becomes a fishing expedition (vv. 1-2)

- The fishing expedition plainly reveals the uncertainty of the disciples, an uncertainty which contrasts sharply with their assured sense of purpose from the day of Pentecost onward. But no matter what their reason was for returning to their fishing boats, their efforts were futile.

b. A taste of the old life becomes a frustrating experience (vv. 3-5)

- Jesus warned about putting our hand to the plow and looking back (Luke 9:62). "Forgetting that which lies behind, I press on," declared Paul (Phil. 3:13). But Peter is looking back—and looking back isn't good. Ask Lot's wife.
- When God calls you and places you into ministry, whether professionally or as a lay person, when you look at a ministry opportunity and you turn your back and walk away from it, you may fail at whatever you do. God does not reward disobedience.
- Or we can do worse than fail. We can succeed and be proud of our success. We can succeed and then worship the fishing boat or the net. We can succeed and forget whose hand was behind everything we have.

Sunday English Services

(8 a.m., 10:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Anthem

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor Larry Pabiona

Celebration of the

Lord's Supper

Benediction (with song)



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2. A LIFETIME OF F _____ FOR SEVEN F _____ OF M _____ (vv. 6-14)

a. Jesus teaches the experts how to catch fish (vv. 6-8).

- Verse 6: When you obey the Lord, the Lord empowers the success. The Lord blesses, supplies, enriches. And what God does, He does in abundance—the nets were overflowing with fish.
- The Lord uses what people have as the basis for His miracles. Whatever is in your hand, God can use. Many wish they were somewhere else or in some other circumstances. If God can't use you right where you are, how can He use you somewhere else?
- A fisherman catches living fish, then they die. A Christian witness seeks to catch “dead fish” (i.e., people dead in their sins), and when he or she “catches” them, they are made alive in Christ.

b. Jesus feeds them what he cooked and what they caught (vv. 9-14).

- All night long, the disciples had been looking for fish, when all the while, Jesus had it freshly grilled, ready to eat. Have you learned this? That when you go off on your little excursions, and you come back to the Lord, you find in Him what you longed for all along?
- Jesus invites the disciples to bring the fish they have caught. This is how God works with us, the privilege given us of being God's co-workers. The wonder is that God, who could do it all himself, still give us the great privilege of being co-laborers!
- You also see here that the bottom line of service is to have fellowship with the risen Christ. This is what we experience in Christian fellowship and in the worship of the Church, particularly in the Lord's Supper.

FINAL THOUGHTS

How do you find success in serving God? In living a believer's life? You do what Jesus says. You must decide to obey what Jesus has told you in your heart. It's not mystical. It's just saying, “Lord, You've been telling me in my heart that I am to do a certain thing. And now I will do it.”

Nothing in life is more exhausting than frustration or failure. Nothing. But what we must understand, or at least believe by faith, is that Jesus wants the best for us. And a life without his guidance and without our obedience to His call to serve will only be a life of frustration and failure.

May you discover the awesome fellowship with the Lord that accompanies and follows after serving Him! ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry Pabiona

In response to those who've asked if pastors should pray about political situations from the pulpit, here's a fellow pastor who explains well why we should pray, and if need be, preach without fear when biblically called for.

TAKE YOUR BIBLE, NOT POLITICS, INTO THE PULPIT (excerpts) by Dr. Brad Jurkovich

Paul called Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 to "preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season." Every pastor is to preach, teach and proclaim the Word of God to the people of God. All of it. You know what I discovered? The Bible speaks to every issue that intersects with our political debates. And there are many issues that become positions in politics. Some of these issues are abortion (*Jeremiah 1:5*), same-sex attraction (*1 Corinthians 6:9-11*), racism (*Galatians 3:26-28*) and numerous others.

If you are a pastor who preaches the Bible and is committed to teaching your flock all of God's Word, then you will ultimately preach on issues that many will deem political. But God's Word must be our standard and foundation of all truth, and, as pastors, we must be committed to delivering His Word to His people so that the

church can be strong in the faith and Christians can stand boldly in our world regardless of the issue. Our people need to know what God's Word says about any particular issue more than what some person says about it on Twitter.

Preaching and teaching about the importance of leadership and being engaged in the opportunity of seeing people put in leadership who will bless rather than oppress is an awesome opportunity and responsibility.

Religious liberty, the value of human life, the sanctity of marriage and so much more are directly impacted by those who become leaders on every level government affords. Much is at stake, and every pastor must be courageous and clear, even when it comes to those issues our people might deem political. So am I going to bring politics into the pulpit? No, but I am going to bring my Bible. Yes, it will be controversial. Yes, some will perceive it to be too political. But preaching the Word of God is what we are called to do. And what God says about every issue and every quality of leadership is what we really need ■

Ablaze Devotional

Everyone was completely surprised and kept saying to each other, "What is this? It must be some new kind of powerful teaching! Even the evil spirits obey him."
—Mark 1:27 (CEV)

As the the gospel story of Mark unfolds, we see how it shifts abruptly from John the Baptist to Jesus of Nazareth. John tells the people to turn to God for forgiveness in preparation for the stronger one, Jesus, who is able to bring into reality the reign of God in human history.

After Jesus called His first disciples, He continued preaching and teaching about the kingdom of God. Moving from the wilderness to the heart of the Jewish social order, Jesus goes with His disciples in a synagogue in Capernaum. Here we witness how Jesus stirred amazement and wonder with His first public acts.

Teaching with authority, He proclaimed the truth of Scripture, and in other gospel narratives we find that Jesus says that all Scripture point to Him. This caused a stir among the synagogue assembly and posed a threat to scribal authority. And just as all these are happening, a man possessed by an unclean spirit confronts Jesus. Just as Jesus showed authority in His teaching, He also spoke authority in healing the man.

This is what it looks like to be gathered around Jesus. It is to see and experience His authority in bringing teaching and healing to our lives.

May our gatherings as a faith community move us into amazement in Jesus's work and person. Let us let the kingdom of God move us, proclaiming to and sharing with those who are in need. May our faces and lives radiate the holiness of God as we meditate and listen to Jesus's teaching. Let us serve in a manner similar to Jesus', so that those who are oppressed by the darkness will find their rescue in Christ ■

GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.
Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



BAND OF BROTHERS REHEARSAL

Band of Brothers is a singing group of Elders
July 7 (Sat), 9-11 a.m. at the Choir Room/Auditorium B
Open to current and past elders. No age limit! Bring your musical instrument. Contact Elder Ed Dames at 0920 954 3599 if you want to join.

CAMP L.I.V.E.: VERIFIED

Youth Camp for college students
July 19-22 (Thu-Sun), at the Batangas Country Club
Today (July 1) is last day of registration. Please visit camp booth at the lobby for more info/to register.

EVERY DAY A NEW PAGE

Mugs 'N Muffins with Rica Peralejo-Bonifacio
July 21 (Sat), 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Auditorium B
Open to all women aged 18 and above
Contact 0917 532 7725 to register /for more info

IMPULSE

Connect Ministry Camp 2018
August 3-5, at Word of Life (Calauan, Laguna)
For more details/to register, please contact Noli at 0917 625 0244 or visit the ministry info booth at the G/F lobby.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

June 2018

	June Budget	Received, June 1-27
General	7,923,567	6,208,102
Missions	927,000	639,455
	Jan. - June Budget	Received, Jan. - June
General	53,877,211	44,032,839
Missions	5,562,000	6,316,496

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His love and grace by the Basilad family, the Valera family, the Messiah College and by an anonymous donor. The flowers are also given in thanksgiving for the Anja's 14th birthday.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.





Abiding in Christ

by Juliet Didulo

It's a great honor and privilege to serve the Lord through Campus Crusade for Christ for the past 30 years! The last three decades were filled with many beautiful memories and precious lessons which God so lovingly and perfectly intertwined into my life.

Throughout those 30 years, the Lord has graciously given me various opportunities to serve with men and women who deeply love Him. Together, we helped reach campuses, helped plant and equip churches, inspired and empowered men and women in the workplace to reach those in their spheres of influence. But serving the Lord is not a walk in the park. Just as we experienced victories, there were also days of grief and difficulties. Yet it was in abiding, in keeping close fellowship with the Lord that I was able to allow Him to work His life in and through me.

The Lord has blessed me with leaders and mentors who have truly modeled genuine servant-leadership. They sacrificed. They went the extra mile. In their imperfections, they showed me that God's power is more clearly displayed in my weaknesses. The Father's pruning process is not something I may enjoy, because pruning hurts. But then, I realize that He is never nearer to me than when He is pruning me. When He is cutting away not only the bad, but also the good and the better in my life, He only has my best interest at heart ■

Read more of Juliet's story, and pray for her, too, through our 40-day Missions Prayer Guide. Available starting July 1 in limited quantities.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Sports GGs (Three Groups)

for Boys aged 11 to 18
Saturdays, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
at GCF Multi-purpose Gym

New Growth Group (Mixed Group)

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124
Growth Group Center

High School & College Y-Groups

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
at GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410;
Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413,
Ages 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409;
Transition Age 13, B406

10:30 a.m.: Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3,
B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age
6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401;
Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10,
B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405;
Transition Age 13, B406

3 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402;
Ages 10-12, B403

5:30 p.m.: Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6,
B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12,
B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2nd flr. for nursing moms and
babies aged one week to 11 months old

Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404

Sunday School Parents' Class:

9:30 a.m., B406

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.



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How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Year of membership: _____

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

*Today is **30 June/1 July 2018**, and I attended the
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.